

Dancing in Wonderland Newsletter

VDC is excited to announce that our student performances for the 2020-2021 dance year will be held at the **Hylton Performing Arts Center** (10900 University Blvd., Manassas) on **Saturday, June 19!**

In an effort to reduce the length of our recital and not have to limit the number of tickets sold per student, we hold two separate performances. Please understand that we have done our best to divide the performances in a way that is most convenient to the majority of dancers and their families. Due to the number of students enrolled in multiple classes, it is not possible to keep every dancer in only one performance. Please see below to determine which performance(s) your child(ren) will be in.

CAST A – 12:00 p.m. performance ("early show")	CAST B – 5:00 p.m. performance ("late show")
Ready, Set Dance, Mon. 4:30 p.m.	Intro to Ballet/Tap, Mon. 5:00 p.m.
Pre-Ballet/Tap, Mon. 5:45 p.m.	Pre-Ballet/Tap, Sat. 10:00 a.m.
Pre-Ballet/Jazz, Thurs. 4:30 p.m.	Pre-Ballet/Jazz, Fri. 6:30 p.m.
Ballet 1, Tues. 4:15 p.m.	Ballet 1, Thurs. 5:30 p.m.
Ballet 1A, Fri. 7:30 p.m.	Ballet 1, 9+, Fri. 5:30 p.m.
Ballet 2, Tues. 5:00 p.m.	Ballet 2, Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
Ballet 3, Wed. 5:45 p.m.	Ballet 4, Mon. 7:45 p.m.
Ballet 5, Wed. 8:00 p.m.	Ballet 5, Wed. 8:00 p.m.
Jazz 1, Mon. 4:00 p.m.	Jazz 1, Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
Ballet/Jazz Combo, Sat. 11:00 a.m.	Jazz 1, 9+, Fri. 6:30 p.m.
Jazz 2, Wed. 4:45 p.m.	Jazz 2, Thurs. 5:30 p.m.
Jazz 3, Mon. 5:45 p.m.	Jazz 4, Wed. 6:00 p.m.
Jazz 5, Mon. 7:45 p.m.	Jazz 5, Mon. 7:45 p.m.
Mini Hip Hop, Sat. 9:30 a.m.	Hip Hop, ages 8-11, Sat. 10:30 a.m.
Hip Hop, ages 11-14, Sat. 11:30 a.m.	Hip Hop, ages 8-11, Fri. 4:30 p.m.
Teen Hip Hop Beg., Fri. 5:30 p.m.	Teen Hip Hop Cont., Fri. 7:30 p.m.
Tap 1, Tues. 5:15 p.m.	Tap 3, Wed. 5:00 p.m.
Tap 2, Thurs. 4:45 p.m.	Teen/Adult Tap, Thurs. 8:30 p.m.
Tap 4/5, Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Tap 4/5, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Lyrical 3, Fri. 4:30 p.m.	Lyrical 3A, Mon. 6:45 p.m.
Lyrical 4/5, Mon. 6:45 p.m.	Lyrical 4/5, Mon. 6:45 p.m.
	Teen Ballet/Lyrical, Thurs. 7:30 p.m.
Adult Ballet/Lyrical, Wed. 7:00 p.m.	Adult Ballet/Lyrical, Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Adult Jazz Cont., Wed. 8:00 p.m.	Adult Jazz Cont., Wed. 8:00 p.m.

Costumes

Information regarding costume fees is attached. Costumes will include any tights, hair accessories and other props that will be needed. **If the attached permission form is not returned to VDC by Mon., Nov. 16, we will assume you/your child is not participating in the performance and a costume will not be ordered.** Costume payments are also due no later than Nov. 16. If you miss the deadline and request that a costume be ordered separately, there will be a \$20.00 service fee *per costume* and individual shipping costs will be charged to you. The shipping costs range from \$10.00-\$20.00 depending on the costume company.

Rehearsals and Performances

CAST A - Early Performance Dress Rehearsal (Mandatory):

Dress rehearsal for the *early* show (12:00 p.m.) will be held at the Hylton Performing Arts Center on Thursday, June 17 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. All students in the early show must attend the dress rehearsal in order to participate in the performance. Students must arrive on time, in costume, with hair and make-up done as if for the performance. Dress rehearsals will be CLOSED rehearsals. Only one parent/guardian will be allowed into rehearsal per student dancer.

CAST B - Late Performance Dress Rehearsal (Mandatory):

Dress rehearsal for the *late* show (5:00 p.m.) will be held at the Hylton Performing Arts Center on Friday, June 18 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. All students in the late show must attend the dress rehearsal in order to participate in the performance. Students must arrive on time, in costume, with hair and make-up done as if for the performance. Dress rehearsals will be CLOSED rehearsals. Only one parent/guardian will be allowed into rehearsal per student dancer.

Both Performances: Students must arrive at the Hylton Performing Arts Center no less than 30 minutes before their performance is scheduled to begin (11:30 for the 12:00 performance and 4:30 for the 5:00 performance). Due to safety concerns, all participating students must remain backstage throughout the entire performance. Only students, parent volunteers, and VDC staff will be allowed backstage. The auditorium doors will open 30 minutes before each performance is scheduled to begin.

In-Studio Run Through Rehearsals: In order to ensure that all dancers are comfortable on stage and that our performances run smoothly, we will be holding in-studio rehearsals at VDC for Cast A on May 22 and June 5 and for Cast B on May 23 and June 6. A detailed schedule will be distributed at a later date. All dancers are encouraged to attend their rehearsal blocks.

Tickets, Volunteers, and Additional Info.

Tickets: Tickets will be \$20.00 per audience member. Tickets for VDC students who would like to attend the performance they are not dancing in will be available at a discounted rate of \$12.00 per student. Tickets will be required for all audience members, including young children, and seating will be reserved. Ticket fees are used to cover various costs, including rental of the Hylton PAC auditorium for dress rehearsals and recitals, as well as fees for the sound and lighting technician(s), event manager, custodians, ushers, and VDC staff members.

Backstage Volunteers: We are seeking parent volunteers for classes with an average age of less than 12 years to work backstage during each performance. The volunteers will remain in the backstage area throughout the performance and will assist VDC staff with lining the students up to go on stage, walking students to the bathroom, helping students with costume changes, and helping maintain order in the backstage area so that the performance can run smoothly. Volunteers will be able to observe their child's performance from the side of the stage. Volunteers do not need to purchase a ticket for that performance. **If you are interested, please make note of your interest on the attached permission slip.**

Student Photographs and Recital DVD: Information regarding individual and group photographs will be announced when the dates are finalized. *Dancing in Wonderland* will be professionally recorded and DVDs will be available for purchase. Guests will not be allowed to record or take flash photographs during the performance.

Please remember that costume payments and permission forms are due NO LATER THAN Monday, November 16.

Dancing in Wonderland - Costume Fees

Class	Required Shoes	Costume Total
Ready, Set, Dance	Pink leather ballet	\$65.00
Intro. to Ballet/Tap	Black shiny tap	\$65.00
Pre-Ballet/Tap	Black shiny tap	\$70.00
Pre-Ballet/Jazz	Black split sole jazz	\$75.00
Ballet 1, 1A and 2	Pink leather ballet	\$80.00
Ballet 3, 4 and 5	Pink leather ballet or pointe	\$85.00
Lyrical 3, 3A and 4/5	Half soles	\$80.00
Tap 1 and 2	Black tap	\$80.00
Tap 3	Black tap	\$85.00
Tap 4/5	Black tap	\$85.00
Jazz 1 and 2	Black split sole jazz	\$80.00
Jazz 3, 4 and 5	Black split sole jazz	\$85.00
Teen Ballet/Lyrical	Half soles	\$85.00
Mini Hip Hop	Black dance sneakers	\$75.00
Hip Hop (8-11)	Black dance sneakers	\$80.00
Hip Hop (11-14)	Black dance sneakers	\$85.00
Teen Hip Hop (both classes)	Black dance sneakers	\$85.00
Teen/Adult Tap	Black tap	\$85.00
Adult Ballet/Lyrical	To be determined	\$85.00
Adult Jazz	To be determined	\$85.00

Costume payments are due IN FULL no later than Mon., Nov. 16th
for students who are registered for one class.
Students in multiple classes must pay a 50% deposit
no later than Mon., Nov. 16th,
with the balance due no later than Sat., Feb. 6th.*

*A \$20.00 late fee will be charged per costume for balances not paid in full by Feb. 6th.